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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submitted publications for the Examiner's consideration in an Information Disclosure Statement dated July 16, 2002. At that time, German Patent Number G 93 04 368.6 was available only in German. Applicants now wish to submit a notarized copy of a certified English translation of the aforementioned German patent. For the Examiner's convenience, a second copy of the German patent is enclosed, together with the English translation and accompanying Form PTO-1449.


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